Yankee Air MUSEUM

# HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Celebrating 30 years 1981-2011

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR! OCTOBER 2011

## Smithsonian Accepts Yankee Air Museum as an Affiliate

A familiar force is lifting the Yankee Air Museum's (YAM) ascent as a museum whose quality meets the highest standards. The YAM is now an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian"). As a Smithsonian Affiliate, YAM is better positioned to advance its mission and public education purposes through opportunities for sharing exhibitions, enhanced programming and professional development expertise.

"This is an accomplishment of major significance," exclaimed **Ray Hunter, Chairman of the YAM Board of Directors**. "One of the components of our mission is to tell the story of the huge Willow Run bomber plant and how this area became an arsenal of democracy. This is where major corporations and civilian men and women worked to defend freedom during World War II." Hunter explained that while the public has already seen results of much labor with the opening of new buildings in the past year, the YAM has also focused efforts on strengthening its management and organizational structure.

"I am very enthused by what the Smithsonian Affiliation means in terms of staff development," said **Randy Hotton, Executive Director of the YAM**. "There are strict guidelines to which the YAM must adhere to maintain this status. Our staff will continue to grow as consummate museum professionals under this relationship."

"For many of us who have been with Yankee since the early years, this is truly a watershed moment," said **Bob Hynes, Life Member and Chairman of the YAM Public Relations Committee**. "We won't be looking back, only forward as this recognition and affiliation lays an entirely new foundation upon which the YAM will continue to build," he concluded.

The Smithsonian Affiliations agreement became effective on July 30, 2011 and is renewable annually.

### Stinson Returns to Willow Run

In late August, Tom Collard and Ray Hunter drove to the Grosse Ile airport. They pushed the Stinson out of the hangar where it had been since October, 2009, added a couple of gallons of oil and some fuel. After a good preflight and run-up, Ray flew the Stinson back to Willow Run while Tom drove back in Ray's vehicle. Lou Farkas arranged for a few sections of airport fence to be taken down and the AC was towed to the Yankee Collections and Exhibits building. The fuel and the oil tanks were drained and the yellow bird was given a quick wash. It is now on display in the high bay. As most of you know, the 1943 Stinson Gull Wing V-77 airplane was built in Wayne, Michigan, and will prove to be a great exhibit with plenty of local interest.

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

**General Membership**
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members $5

**Board Meeting**
2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

**YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting**
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

**Staff Meeting**
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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**YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

**The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.**

# PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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| 1 Oct 1939 | Chance Vought ***Corsair*** first US fighter to exceed 400 mph |
| 1 Oct 1942 | First flight of the Bell ***Aircomet*** P-59A which was the first US jet |
| 1 Oct 1958 | **NASA** founded |
| 3 Oct 1942 | First successful **V-2 rocket** launch begins new era in air warfare |
| 4 Oct 1957 | *Sputnik I* launch begins **Space Age** |
| 7 Oct 2001 | **Air campaign begins** against al Qaeda and Taliban camps and bases in Afghanistan. Includes strikes from carriers in Arabian Sea and B-2 bombers based at Whiteman AFB, MO. Crews from 509th Bomb Wing fly 44 consecutive hours — the longest mission in U.S. military aviation history |
| 9 Oct 2004 | **Yankee Air Museum Hangar** burns to ground in spectacular fire , flyable aircraft are saved by heroic efforts of a few Yankee volunteers |
| 10 Oct 2010 | **Yankee Air Museum Collections & Exhibits Bldg reopens** to public, six years after fire. YAM is back. |
| 9 Oct 1942 | First **B-24** bombing mission from England (93rd BG). Target was Lille, France |
| 12 Oct 1942 | First U-Boat sunk by **Liberator**. U-597 sunk off Iceland by RAF Lib I, AM 929 |
| 13 Oct 1968 | First live TV broadcast from manned US spacecraft ***Apollo 7*** |
| 14 Oct 1947 | First supersonic flight: Air-launched from the bomb bay of a B-29, the Bell X-1 *Glamorous Glennis* was flown by Capt. **Chuck Yeager** at Mach 1.06 |
| 16 Oct 1939 | First air attack on British territory: German aircraft damaged ships in Scotland's **Firth of Forth** |
| 21 Oct 1942 | **B-24**s strike Lin-hsi coal mines, China |
| 22-27 Oct 1944 | US Navy crushes Japanese fleet in the **Battle of Leyte Gulf**, Philippines |
| 25 Oct 1943 | **Solomon Is.** Allies destroy Japanese air force at Rabaul, New Britain |
| 29 Oct 1942 | **Alaskan Highway** (1,520 miles) opens |

Sept 50/50 was won by
**Wayne Vannice**
who donated his winnings to the Hangar Fund

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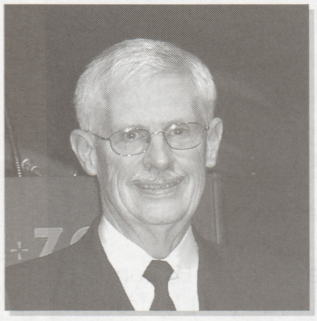
***BUT BEST TO HAVE ITEMS IN OCTOBER 1ST OR BEFORE !***



## Executive Director Report — Randy Hotton

The fall has settled upon us and we celebrate the anniversary of our first year in our new building and our 30th Anniversary. The Yankee Dispatch Riders hosted the 6th Annual Detroit Tigers Bike Night, held on 9/22 at Comerica Park. We threw out the first pitch and had an honor guard to represent the Museum. Did you see us on TV?

Much like our fantastic Detroit Tigers, back in May a lot of people said they did not have it. Guess what, they surprised a lot of people. The Yankee air Museum has come through a year much like that. We faced an uncertain future following our move in a year ago. We have come a long way since then; the growth in our visitor-ship and retail sales are indicative of our progress. We have become a place known to more and more people outside of our Yankee membership. The Headquarters Building has put us on the map. We have enhanced our visitor's experience through the efforts of our tireless volunteers.

In honor of our 30th Anniversary, The Annual 'YANKEE GALA' will be held on November 12th, 2011, here at the Museum. The keynote speakers and special guests of honor are a high-ranking official of the FAA, yet to be confirmed, and the new Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Turkia Awada Mullin, who oversees the operations at Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airports. Awada-Mullin is also a decorated, eight-year Veteran of the U.S. Army where she received the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. Moving forward, the event will be known as "The Yankee Gala: A Celebration of American Aviation" and promises to be the "must attend" aviation event of the year. The Annual Yankee Gala is our chance to shine to the public and demonstrate our relevance in the region as we work to keep the legacy of Willow Run alive for future generations. Tickets are $150 each or $275/couple and dress is Black Tie Preferred or Business Dress Required. For more details, please go to the website or email velda.fayz@yankeeairmuseum.org to receive a personal invitation.

We continue to move toward fulfillment of our 2011 goals set at our January off-site meeting.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. **Enhance the visitor Experience** with major improvement No Later Than (NLT) Dec 31st, one per quarter.
   - Franklin Glider is still on our list of exhibits coming, but is being delayed in its arrival. It was built in Ypsilanti, Mi. during the 1930's
   - A new Exhibit of US military combat meals has been put together by our collections' team. You get to see Iron Rats (WWI), K-Rats (WWII), C-Rats (Vietnam) and MRE (Gulf) meals.
   - We now have life like figures to further enhance our Link Trainer Exhibit. We have one standing next to the Tuskegee Airman Exhibit and it looks like Col Jefferson. Plus we have a WWII USMC Exhibit, showing a Marine in both Combat and Dress uniforms.
2. **Hire a Development Director** NLT April 30th, this goal has been achieved and Velda is bringing a wealth of museum experience to our organization.
   - We have finished defining our three year goals and first year objectives to match our Museum Mission and Vision statements.
   - These will be used to guide us in setting our 2012 action plan at our January Off-Site meeting.
   - The last part of our strategy planning is for the Board of Director's to address Governance. The Board has scheduled a training meeting in October with Diana Kern, our Non-Profit consultant. When this training is complete we will have completed our initial strategy development process.
3. **Further develop Web Site** to pursue E Commerce
   - Our "Donor Perfect" software has been put to work with the integration of the membership and B-17 rider data bases.
   - This will allow a systematic search process for potential donors.
   - We are now using "Facebook" to promote our B-17 rides and the initial feedback has been good.
4. **As a Smithsonian Institute Affiliate Museum,** we have reciprocal benefits with the Smithsonian for Yankee Air Museum members. These will be covered in a future issue of Hangar Happenings.

General Membership Meetings:
Again for those who do not attend our General Membership Meeting, you are missing an entertaining evening. In September we had Yankee Air Force member #1, Dennis Norton, tell us about how the museum got the C-47 and the B-52. I know everyone present was thoroughly entertained.
Please come join us for the programs scheduled.

Oct: "Bent Prop" update on search for wrecks in the South Pacific
Nov: Bob Coolbaugh and the story of the Navy's first airplane the Curtis Pusher flown in 1911
Dec: A Vet's story of Guadalcanal
Jan: Ray Hunter will give an encore presentation on USAF Helicopter operations in Vietnam
Feb: John Wukovits on General "Ike" Eisenhower

Yankee Executive Director **Randy Hotton** will be in the cockpit of the Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunter, the type he flew as a Naval Aviator, at the Selfridge Airpark Museum. The former squadron members of VP 93, now disestablished, help maintain and staff the plane for tours. VP 93 home page is http://home.neo.rr.com/vp93/ or link to it and get more information about the Selfridge Museum from www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

**Security requires driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for your vehicle to get on the base.**

Modest admission is charged for the museum/airpark. Get a personal tour from Randy on these Sunday afternoon dates.

- **October 16 & 30**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## Yankee Dog Tag Report

Reports were that attendance at the Selfridge show Aug 20-21 was down as there was no jet team, but that didn't slow down Dog Tag or retail sales. Veteran "one arm bandit" operators Dave Tremain and Diane Hieber teamed up with rookie (and original Garbage Grunt) Russ Possley to do $2400 in dog tags, second only to the $2640 at BKL last year by Ken Chapin and Ron Altweiss. And they never got more than about 20 minutes behind. Had the show not been shortened by rain both days, these awesome volunteers would probably have exceeded the $2600 mark. BTW, Diane delayed a vacation trip to help with retail (she relieved the guys on Sunday) and Russ and Dave hadn't actually volunteered for the trip either, but all of them (and Diane's brother Mike) "answered the call" from B-17 crew chief Norm Ellickson to do this show when no one else had signed up. Well done Dog Taggers!

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips, get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org .
Interested candidates will be contacted by Steve for DT school. Then put in an app for a show crew next summer when the schedule comes out.

# FUNDING OUR FUTURE

## YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

### ESTABLISHING A CULTURE OF SUPPORT

By Velda Fayz

Again, it is my pleasure to serve the Yankee as your Director of Development. A lot has been accomplished thus far and there's much more to go to establish a dept. from scratch and achieve our desired results. To do so, the following critical issues are being addressed to better our chances to secure funding:

**1, Development of a Museum-Strategic Plan**

The Strategy team has identified five Critical Areas for immediate improvement. 3-year goals, annual strategies, action plans, and accountabilities will result. A critical area identified is fundraising. The plan includes the establishment of formal strategies for all current and potential sources of revenue, strengthening our current operations to better position us for growth, and allow us to stand alone as an effective, efficient organization independent from outside influence and without reliance on just one or two sources of revenue.

**2. Establishment of a comprehensive database** We have manually entering and reviewing seven years history of support to the Yankee Air Museum. Completed and in time to conduct our first mailings, test mailings to donors with highest giving potential & identify major gift prospects.

**3. Developing and implementing an effective Annual Fund** program and the various types of campaigns and solicitations that will contribute toward the Annual Operating Fund. Campaigns will be segmented and customized. Giving Societies and recognition levels are being established, and an attractive memorial/honorarium program will be marketed. Donations via website are forthcoming.

**4. Establish Relationships and maintain a major gifts portfolio,** including a cultivation, stewardship program. At least 30 major gifts prospects that have been identified and relationships are under development.

**5. Strengthen Corporate and Foundation relationships.** This is where a bulk of our funding will result, citing my strong success in securing new dollars from corporations and foundations. I hosted Raytheon, Boeing, and 5/3rd bank at Thunder and beneficial partnerships will result from these opportunities.

Thank you, Velda

### VOLUNTEERS

*The Development Dept. is seeking volunteers to help establish the Yankee's first ever formal fundraising dept. We need your help with the if you have the following experience:*

- General Administrative Support
- Data Entry
- Statistical Analysis
- Social Media and Web-Marketing
- Special Events
- Securing Auction Items
- Using Wealth Management Indicators
- Prospect Research-Individual
- Prospect Research-Corporate
- Third Party Help
- Direct Mail Preparation
- Nonprofit administration
- Copy/Technical Writing

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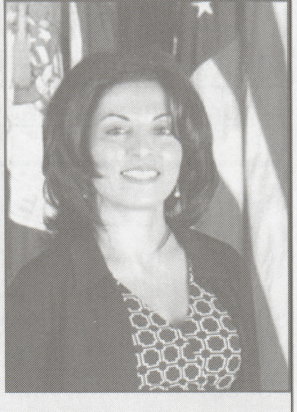
### YANKEE GALA 2011

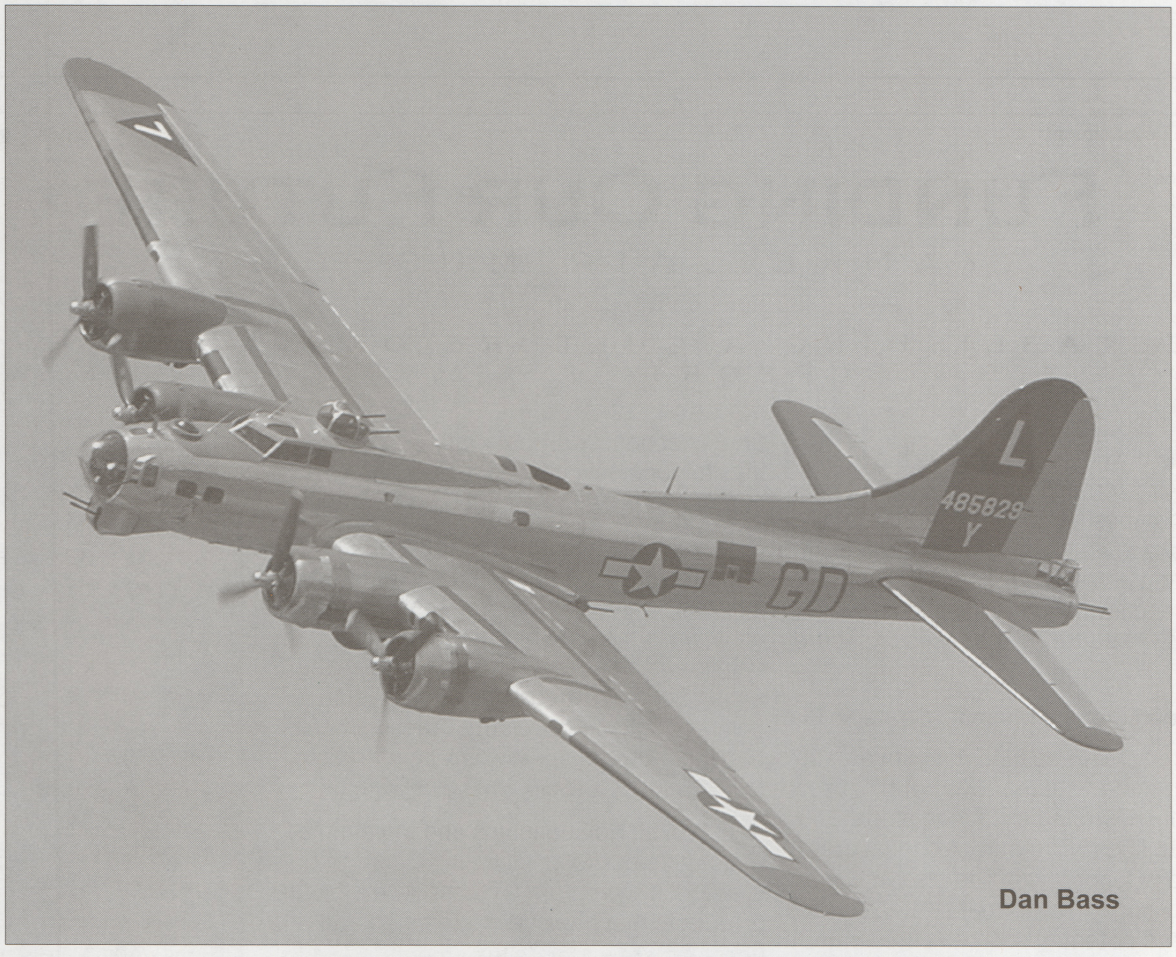
In honor of our 30th Anniversary , The Annual 'YANKEE GALA' **will be held on November 12th, 2011** at the museum. A yet-to-be confirmed official from the FAA and new **Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Turkia Awada Mullin** will be our keynotes and special guests that evening.

Moving forward, the event will be known as a 'Celebration of American Aviation' and promises to be the 'must attend' aviation event of the year and will be among the most relevant in the world of aviation. The Annual Yankee Gala is our chance to shine to the public and demonstrate our relevance in the region as we work to keep the legacy of Willow Run alive for future generations.

Should you want to help with the event, the Gala Committee will be seeking appx. 15 volunteers for the following support: Invitations, Silent Auction, registration, event setup, coat check,



**Tickets**: $150.00 each or $250/couple & go on sale in mid-September. Custom sponsor packages are being developed to meet the needs of our partners. Watch the website for details and/or email gala@yankeeairmuseum.org to request an invitation.




Dan Bass

Much of the daily operation at Yankee Air Museum is due to the efforts of hundreds of dedicated volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please respond to the following announcement:

YAM is holding Volunteer Orientation Sessions on Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 AM, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 AM.

These orientations are intended to acquaint you with our Museum, let you meet with some of our Department Managers and to give you the opportunity to volunteer at our museum.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please indicate your **choice** (day and time) by replying by email to volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org or by mail to Volunteer Coordinator, Yankee Air Museum, P.O. Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590.

**It is very important that we have your reply because all sessions are subject to consolidation or cancellation if there are not enough scheduled attendees.**

## Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/

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The **Michigan Aviation Historical Society** (**MAHS**) will be holding its **October** meeting in the YAM meeting room. These meetings consist entirely of an aviation related program such as digital slides or video of various aircraft, air museums or air shows. Guest presenters in the past have included former astronaut Jack Lousma, Tuskegee Airmen P-51 pilot Alexander Jefferson and YAF member John A. Clark who flew 32 combat missions as a B-17 copilot during WWII.

Everyone is sincerely invited to attend. Membership in MAHS or YAM is not required. Admission is absolutely free and no reservations are needed. All programs start shortly after 7:00pm and generally run until approximately 10:00pm. Feel free to arrive and depart at any time. Dress is very casual. Blue jeans are most acceptable.

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| **Meeting Date** | **Saturday, October 15th 7:00pm** |
| **Location** | **Yankee Air Museum Meeting Room # 124** |
| **Program** | **to be determined** |

## RESTORATION REVIEW - *Russ Banush*

### SAD NEWS

We were saddened by the death of **Bob Anderson**'s wife **Carol,** who lost her courageous struggle with cancer on August 6. Bob is a great help to us and the organization and is a tireless worker in the Ground Equipment Department.

### WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are very happy to recently have **Dan Davis, Charlie Ward, Dan Mehall, Oakman Hurd** , and **Todd Meder** join the restoration team . Thanks go to **John Romanski** and **Jim Hart** for organizing a great **Volunteer Orientation Program** (VOP?) that is informative and very helpful for interested volunteers.

### GENERAL NEWS

Exciting news! On Thursday, July 21, we received a trailer load of parts for our PB4Y-2 Privateer located in the Air Park. The key prize was the waist turret for the starboard (i.e., right) side of the aircraft. We had been looking for this for many years. We had an extra port (left) side shell, but the two are not interchangeable, but the interior components are. This piece is in very good condition. We now have all the required turrets for our US Navy version of the B-24 bomber. It is all coming together!

Included with this shipment was a *complete, unused still in its crate Ranger V-770-11 inverted v-12 in-line engine.* Ranger was the engine division of Fairchild Aircraft, and this engine was used for their twin engine advanced trainer the AT-21 Gunner. Fairchild built 175 of this aircraft. This engine will be prepared for exhibit in our engine collection.

We will soon be getting a Franklin PS-2 singe seat glider that will be on permanent loan to the museum. This aircraft will require minimal restoration work. This 36 foot wingspan bird will be exhibited above the floor in the large bay area. The PS-2 is of special interest to us as it was manufactured in Ypsilanti; the factory building is still there.

### DC6B

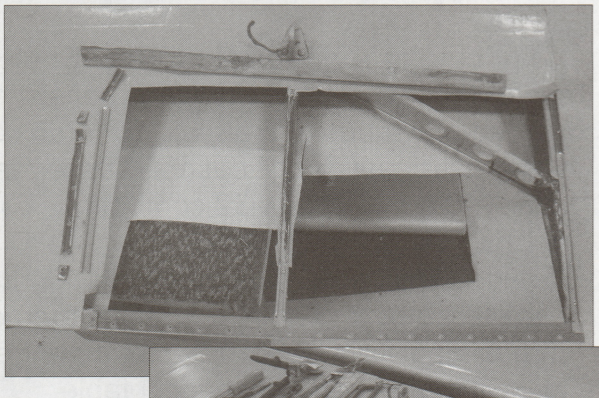
**Bob DuBert** and **Mal Stockinger** have been very busy repairing corrosion damage in the window area of the aircraft fuselage. They have made great strides in making this ship look so much better. On the inside, **Hank Grudzien**, **Roger Peterson** and **Charlie Ward** have been re-installing the wall panels which were removed to inspect for corrosion of the interior. Some 2,000 stainless steel screws and washers were purchased to replace corroded ones. More will be needed to complete the job, but these should keep the fellows busy for a while, unless they get "too screwy".

### B-24

**Oakman "Oakie" Hurd** became a member and joined the restoration team in July, and he, as it is said, hit the ground running. He has extensive aviation related experience, and has been an immense help in working on our center piece (that is, the Ford Built mid-section of the aircraft). **Phil Howard, Ron Huber** and **Bob Pilz** each used their talents in fabricating the wheeled legs that will be used for this section in order for it to be moved about the museum floor as necessary. Stop by and we'll show and tell you all about this, and to see what great craftsmen we have!

### Antonov AN-2

Crew chief **Ralph Koehler** has pretty much settled on the paint scheme he will use for this huge Russian biplane that is located in the air park. We are expecting to paint the fuselage soon, so that progress on this aircraft will be seen by visitors. The wings and their control surfaces are being repaired inside the museum building. One aileron was damaged significantly during one of our storms. However, with the direction of **Ralph Koehler** and the expert metal working skills of **Ron Huber**, no one will be able to tell that it was so badly mangled. See the before and during work pictures. **Chester Ford, Ken Nelson** and **Phil Howard** repaired some trailing edge damage to one of the flaps.



### PB4Y-2

Crew chief **Joe Amend** and his team have been making a lot of progress on restoring the Erco nose turret. **Jeff Altshuler, Hank Grudzien, Dave Nowak, Nick Gabriel, John Marker** and **Barry Terrell** have been very instrumental in making this a key part of the aircraft restoration. **John Marker** begaun working on the landing gear on August 13. Both main landing gear assemblies must be replaced before we move the plane to our new airpark. We have the replacements in hangar F6.

**SPAD**

Crew Chief **Bill Rodgers** has **Larry Arnett, Gene Blanchard, Dale Burgess, Chris Curran, Dan Davis, Ken Hauser, Joe Kosek** and **Ray Wall** working diligently on the construction of our World War I fighter. One wing has yet to be fabricated, but you may have noticed the paint job and the hat and ring insignia. **Ron Huber** has been helping with the metal cowlings for the cockpit and engine. The dummy engine made of wood has been fooling visitors, but some wise guys have been saying "whaddya expect for a wood airplane?"

**AIR PARK NOTES**

During the air show, we had many visitors that were interested in our aircraft. We offer the experience of walking through the Privateer, DC6B, Caribou and Argosy. That is something they cannot do with most of the participating air show aircraft. We get lots of questions! We are getting pricing quotes for filling our static aircraft tires with foam so we will not have to be concerned with inflating them frequently. We feel this will be necessary before we attempt to move the aircraft to our future air park that will be adjacent to the headquarters building.

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Special thanks to **Bob Sloan** for building the stairways so that visitors may view the interiors of our displayed aircraft. Does the restoration department have craftsmen, or do we? Kudos for **Dwight "Kos" Koslowski** for all his administrative, organizational and research work.

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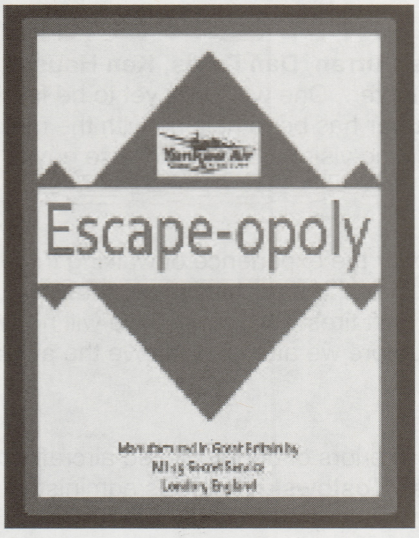
## Education Department Report

This past August 2011 the Museum participated in a grant with Eastern Michigan University. The Education Department was approached in February of 2011 about becoming a partner in this grant opportunity. The Library of Congress was offering a grant for an institution to develop and host a teacher's workshop using primary sources. After a few meetings with Dr. Brigid Beaubien and Dr. Russ Olwell from Eastern Michigan University, Rachel Krumwiede – Director of Education at the Museum and Debbie Nickell – Manager of the Oral History Department at the Museum, offered the idea of using oral histories as a "primary source" for teachers to use in their classrooms. The grant was written, submitted, and accepted by the Library of Congress. For the next several months Debbie Nickell and Rachel Krumwiede worked extensively with volunteers from the Museum, professors from Eastern Michigan University and teachers from around the area to put this workshop together.

The workshop was a 3-day event where teachers learned about how to use the Library of Congress website in their classrooms as a part of their lesson planning as well as how to conduct a good oral history interview. Twenty-four teachers from around the area participated in the workshop. The oral history interviews were conducted on-site at the Yankee Air Museum which gave the session a certain historical ambience that added to the day. The guests that were interviewed ranged from "Rosie the Riveters" that worked in the Willow Run Bomber Plant, WWII veterans and Tuskegee Airmen. It was a very moving and emotional day both for the teachers, our honored guests and their families. "Debbie did a fantastic job coordinating all of the oral history interviews. Without her and the other volunteers that helped out that day this event could not have happened." – (Rachel Krumwiede). When asked how the event at the Museum went Debbie stated, "The event was a huge success. Everyone had a very memorable experience and I overheard many talking about bringing others back to tour the museum. This event promoted community service as well as providing an innovative educational tool. I am proud to have been involved and most of all honored to have met so many wonderful people that served our country." – (Debbie Nickell).

Now that the workshop is complete, the Education Department will be able to utilize the lessons and oral histories gathered to promote the Education Department to the local community. All of the oral histories and lesson plans developed will be available online through Eastern Michigan University's website, the Library of Congress's website and the Yankee Air Museum website. Once the oral histories and lessons plans are available on the website it will help the Education Department in its process to formalize the program's curriculum, as well as introduce the Museum and all it has to offer to teachers around the state of Michigan. "Our plan is to use the oral histories and lesson plans that were developed in this workshop as part of our overall curriculum plan. We want to give students and their teachers a comprehensive pre and post visit experience after attending an education program at the Museum. We also hope that this increases visibility in the community, increases classroom visits to the museum and encourages more volunteers in the Education and Oral History Departments." – (Rachel Krumwiede)




# ESCAPING INTO HISTORY

**11/19/2011**

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**Advanced Tickets:**

Tickets cost $25.00 per family if purchased prior to the event date of November 19th.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event for $30.00.

**Recommend Ages:**

This event is designed for people aged 7+, and it will be expected that children will be accompanied by a guardian during the event.

On November 19th at 4pm, Yankee Air Museum will be hosting a special *Escaping Into History* interactive event.

During WWII some military prisoners escaped using special versions of Monopoly that had tools hidden in them to help them escape and return home.

We invite you to come to our family friendly interactive event where you will be using those same tools and take on the role of the escaping prisoners.

After the event there will be refreshments served and games played, and we ask that you bring the board game Monopoly (any version) with if you have a copy or any board game of your choice.

Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Store and online at: http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org

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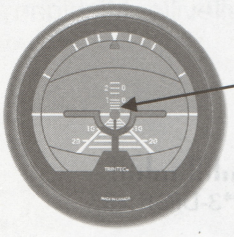

## AIR PARK

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck and Ecorse Roads

## HEADQUARTERS !!!

**47884 D Street , Willow Run Airport**

**www.yankeeairmuseum.org**

## OCTOBER

No events scheduled

## NOVEMBER

Saturday 12th — Yankee Air Museum Annual Gala. Special guest speaker.
Help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary. See details on page 5

### Have A Yankee Story from Our First 30 Years?

If you have an interesting and/or humorous story you'd like to share at the Yankee Air Museum 30th Birthday **GALA**, take a few minutes to write it down and submit it for consideration for presentation at the party this fall, or perhaps printing in HH.
Send to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

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**October Meeting Program**
The October 5th general membership meeting is 7:30pm at the **NEW Yankee Air Museum Collections & Exhibits Building** east side of Willow Run Airport.

Program is
**Bent Prop update from the South Pacific**
**Flip Colmer**
**www.bentprop.org**

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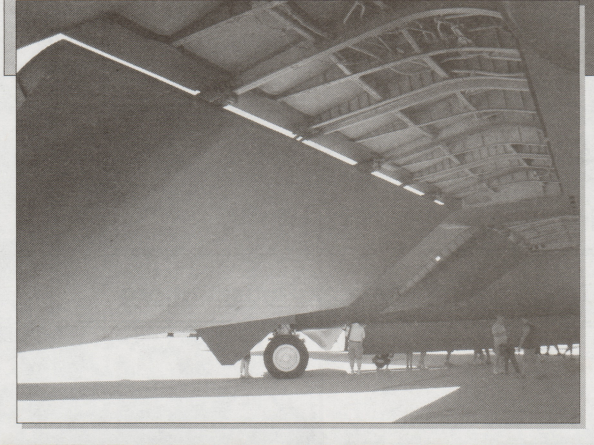
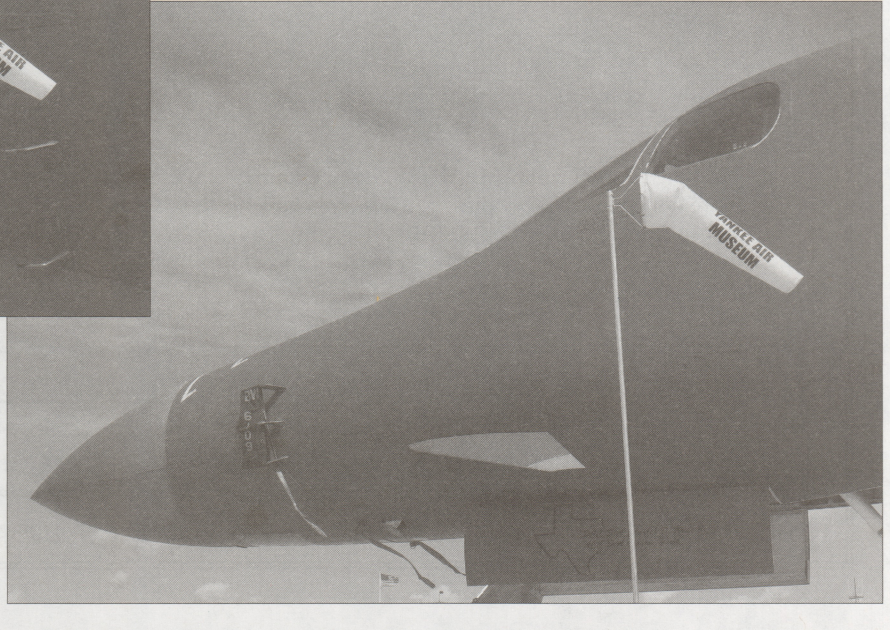


## Seen at Selfridge Air Show

Yankee Windsocks were seen with the BUFF and BONE.

Below left: Now that's a FLAP!